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tains small maps of the various British coal fields. The author shows that the increase of temperature in coal mines must be overcome by artificial means when the depth exceeds 3,000 feet, where the temperature of the earth is about 98°. It is assumed that a depth of at least 4,000 feet may ultimately be reached in coal mining.

Austria-Hungary, including Dalmatia and Bosnia. Handbook for Travellers. By Karl Baedeker. Tenth Edition, Revised and Augmented. xviii and 468 pp., 33 Maps, 44 Plans, and Index. Karl Baedeker, Leipzig, 1905. (Price, M. 8.)

This compact guide-book is adapted for a pocket of moderate dimensions. For purposes of description the empire is divided into ten districts, each of which has a section in the book ; and any section may be separately removed from the volume. The maps and plans of Wagner & Debes are unusually numerous, and special care has evidently been bestowed upon them.

Tom Petrie's Reminiscences of Early Queensland (dating from 1837). Recorded by his Daughter. xv and 320 pp., 17 Illustrations, and a List of Places, Names, etc. Watson, Ferguson & Co., Brisbane, 1904.

Mr. Petrie was taken to Queensland in 1837, and was intimately associated with the aborigines of that colony from boyhood. His records of their customs, traditions, and folklore have undoubtedly ethnological value. His knowledge of these primitive people was intimate and profound, and his daughter has rendered a service in thus perpetuating in book form these graphic memories of the old Brisbane blacks, who have now practically died out. Two-thirds of the book is given to descriptions of the life and ways of these blacks, in whose trustworthiness, if well treated, and other good qualities Mr. Petrie has more confidence than most of the white immigrants. The remainder of the volume gives many incidents of those pioneer days, in which both whites and blacks took part.

Mr. Petrie, on one occasion, accompanied the explorer Leichhardt through the bush and helped him to collect plants and seeds. It was not long after that Leichhardt and his comrades entered the unknown interior, and no particulars of their fate have ever been received.

Unter Chinesen und Tibetanern. Von A. Génschow. 384 pp., 189 illustrations, and 6 maps. C. J. E. Volckmann, Rostock i. M., 1905. (Price, M. 6.)

The author, an interpreter, travelled south from Peking to Hankow, up the Yangtse to Ichang, over the mountains on the south side of the Yangtse to Lichwang and on to Tibet and Burma by way of Talifu, in Yunnan. In the western part of China, as far as Tali, he travelled over some new ground, and added new facts to the descriptive literature of that region. The routes he chiefly followed, however, are fairly well known. The narrative is full of incident, and the book gives a rather graphic picture of the people and the regions visited. Many photographs help the text.

United States Dictionary of Altitudes.—The fourth edition of this important work contains 1072 pages, and is thus very greatly enlarged over the earlier issues. The rapidly multiplying bench-marks of our Topographic Survey and the large number of new determinations by railroad companies have caused this great addition to the number of ascertained altitudes. They are arranged alphabetically under the States and Territories, with the authority for the height given in each case.